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XXIV.

recting him to summon all the said wardens to meet, on twelve hours notice, to hear and determine whatever shall or may come before them; and that the chairman shall receive, for each day he shall attend or be employed, the sum of seven shillings and six-pence, and every other warden the sum of five shillings, and no more.

To take an
oath, &c.

VII. **And be it enacted,** That before the said wardens take upon themselves the office of wardens, each and every of them shall take an oath or affirmation, that he will well and faithfully, to the best of his skill, understanding, and judgment, perform, do, execute, and discharge, the office and duty of a warden, according to the directions of this act; which qualification any justice of the peace is hereby authorised and enjoined to administer.

To make a
survey, &c.

VIII. **And be it enacted,** That the said wardens, or a majority of them, shall and may order and make, as soon as conveniently may be, an exact survey and chart of the said bason, harbour, and river Patapsco, and shall and may ascertain the depth and course of the channel of the same, and if necessary affix buoys or water-marks, for facilitating and rendering more safe the navigation thereof.

Wharves not
to be made,
&c.

IX. **And be it enacted,** That no wharf or wharves shall be run out, made, altered, enlarged, or extended, from or after the publication hereof, so as to divert the course of the said channel, obstruct the harbour or bason, or to the injury of the same; and that no person or persons shall make, alter, or extend, a wharf or wharves, from and after the publication hereof, without laying before the said wardens a plan of his or their intended wharf or wharves, and without consent first obtained, under the seal of the board, to carry the same into effect; and in case any person or persons shall make, alter, or extend, a wharf or wharves, without such permission, it shall and may be lawful for the said wardens to recover, by warrant, before a magistrate, a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds, as in cases of debts not exceeding five pounds, and forthwith to cause the same to be demolished; provided that this act is not meant to extend to the demolition or removal of wharves already made, built, and extended.

Wardens to
cause bason,
&c. to be
cleaned, &c.

X. **And be it enacted,** That said wardens shall and may cause the bason and harbour, or such part or parts thereof as to them shall seem meet, as soon as enabled to carry the same into effect, to be cleansed, scoured, cleared, and ballasted, and all obstructions and annoyances in and upon the said bason, harbour, and river, whether from vessels sunk or any other cause, to be removed; and, towards defraying the charges and costs thereof, to impose on every vessel entering or clearing at said port one penny per ton; which sum is to be collected and paid to the naval officer for said port, which officer is to draw the same commission upon said collection as on collections made for the state; and the naval officer is hereby enjoined to collect and receive the rate aforesaid, and to pay the same from time to time, deducting the commission aforesaid, or four times each year, to said wardens; said rate to continue till a sufficient sum shall be raised for defraying the expence aforesaid; and in case of refusal, it shall and may be lawful for the said wardens to recover the same before a magistrate, as in cases of debt not exceeding five pounds.

XI. **And**